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*Via Electronic Filing*

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Telecommunication Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for  
Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities* – CG Docket No. 03-123  
*Ex Parte Notice*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 23, 2006, Pat Nola of Sorenson Communications, Inc. (Sorenson) and the undersigned of Lawler, Metzger, Milkman & Keeney, LLC, counsel to Sorenson, spoke by telephone with Monica Desai and Thomas Chandler of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission. During that conversation, in response to a question raised in a previous meeting, Sorenson explained that its VP-200 videophone will differ from the VP-100 videophone primarily by providing superior image resolution and quality, allowing the ability to check finger spelling, for example. The VP-200 also will offer additional deaf-centric calling features not offered by the VP-100. These innovations will make VRS more accessible to and usable by a greater number of deaf American Sign Language (ASL) users.

Sorenson also explained that any decision to require unbundling of the VRS platform must be accompanied by some combination of an exclusivity period and revenue sharing arrangement in order to provide VRS companies incentives to develop, install and maintain equipment in the manner necessary to ensure that ASL users have access to VRS. Sorenson also urged that any VRS unbundling requirement should not become effective until after July 1, 2006, in order to allow providers sufficient time to implement software, hardware, or other modifications necessary to comply with any forthcoming rules.

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion of the public record in the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ruth Milkman  
Ruth Milkman

cc: Monica Desai  
Thomas Chandler